

REV. J. L. VANCE DELIVERS YEARLY SOLDIERS' SERMON

G.A.R. and Other Patriotic Bodies Attend Divine Services at the U.P. Church.

BATTLES ABOVE CLOUDS

Moral and Spiritual Conflicts of Christian Life Call for Highest Type of Courage.

Several hundred members of the G. A. R., Spanish-American War veterans, W. R. C., and other patriotic bodies attended the annual memorial services yesterday morning at the United Presbyterian church. Rev. J. L. Vance delivered the sermon, taking as his theme "Battles Above the Clouds."

The veterans and their friends gathered at Memorial hall at the courthouse at 10 o'clock and marched in a body to the church, where special seats had been reserved for them. The church was prettily decorated with flags and bunting and the choir rendered music that was especially appropriate to the occasion.

Rev. Mr. Vance based his remarks on the text, "Suffer hardship with me as a soldier of Christ Jesus," II Timothy 3:12. After expressing his pleasure at having the old soldiers worship at his church, Rev. Vance discussed some of the supreme objectives of spiritual warfare—the great ends aimed at in the conflicts in which the Christian must engage.

"The biggest battles of human experience are not staged on bloody fields, nor fought out under the incentives of military aspiration," he declared. "This is what I mean by 'battles above the clouds.' We wrestle not against flesh and blood. We are confronted by superhuman adversaries. Our mortal combat is moral and spiritual. The Christian life is not dress parade, but a strenuous campaign of serious warfare. The time is scheduled to arrive when nations shall not learn war any more, but while the present world stands we must expect the conflict of evil against good in the individual life. When other wars are over, and all armies disbanded, this higher warfare still will continue."

Prime Qualities.
The prime qualities of the Christian soldier were, when considered, courage, endurance. Continuing, he said:

"The follower of Christ is not to expect to march straight through to triumph and victory without seeing any real fighting by the way. Let me add here a third quality of the Christian soldier suggested by our text, and that is constancy, which is akin to endurance and yet somewhat different. Bravery, endurance and constancy all seem to me to be described in the words, 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.' In the times in which we live, and perhaps in every age, it is a heroic and vital task to hold on to the true and full faith once for all delivered to the saints in the entire and perfect word of God. The arch enemy of the human soul endeavors in manifold ways to take from us the Christian faith, and thus fill us with despair in place of living hope. We need to guard this treasure with exceeding care, for even as pilgrim Israel protected the sacred ark in all its wanderings.

"Besides this trinity of soldierly qualities to strengthen the inner man for the conflicts of the Christian life, we need all that is suggested in that fine description of what is called the whole armor of God which we read in Ephesians 6. The shield and helmet and sword, the breastplate and girdle and sandals. All that comes to us through the study of God's word and by the exercise of believing prayer. The armor of light and of righteousness is part of the equipment that will make us able to stand against the wiles and darts of our wicked adversaries.

"One of the most heroic figures in all history is that venerable warrior of Moses and Joshua's day, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. Let him stand for a moment now in our imagination beside Paul, and let his voice respond to the utterances of Paul in our text. Caleb spoke only sober truth and no vain boast when in his old age he appealed to his record and asked for one more chance to fight for Jehovah.

PREACHES SERMON TO WAR VETERANS



Rev. J. L. Vance.

and Israel. Some of you venerable soldiers before me are of an age to appreciate the pardonable pride with which he spoke, saying: 'I am this day four-score and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in that day when Moses sent me; as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, and to go out and to come in.' Veterans of the 60's, and of later conflicts, is your moral strength and courage today as great for the battle of the times of peace, the battles above the clouds, as when the emergency of earthly strife called for your services? Let the exercises of this day and hour bring out of the memory of past combats inspiration for braver deeds in present and future exigencies.

The Result.

"We should not break off our text nor end the sermon without mention of and a precious moment's meditation upon the result and reward of heroism and fidelity in the cause of truth and righteousness and salvation for which the Christian warfare is waged. The apostle bears testimony by the inspiration of a heavenly revelation when he declares, 'Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing.' I am not entitled to membership in any of the organizations that unite in observing Memorial day. I am not an old soldier, nor any other sort of warrior than a Christian soldier. But I could wish you no greater benefit and distinction, nor could I wish greater joy and reward for myself than this crown of life and glory and righteousness which you and I may alike receive at the hands of Him who will honor every faithful soldier with recognition in the day of the grand review. Let us quit ourselves then like men and fight for the true and the right."

To Decorate Graves.

The annual decoration day exercises will be observed next Saturday. The program will be given at the court house campus. Rev. R. S. Haney, Moline, will be the principal speaker. The usual march to the cemetery will be made where the graves of the departed will be strewn with flowers.

The committee in charge of arrangements of the day, of which P. F. Cox is chairman, is anxious to secure all of the automobiles he can for the use of the veterans. Donations of flowers will also be appreciated.

ARM IS BROKEN IN FALL ON ROCK PILE

Howard Nash, 17 year old colored lad, had a miraculous escape from death Saturday when he fell 18 feet from the viaduct leading to the Crescent bridge, head foremost on a pile of rocks below.

The boy was on his way to Davenport, and intended to walk across the bridge at this point. It is thought that he walked too close to the edge and lost his footing. The unfortunate lad struck out his left arm as he fell to lessen the force of the fall, and it was broken in two places. He was also severely cut and bruised, but it is not thought that his injuries will result seriously.

COMPANY APPEALS BOARD'S DECISION

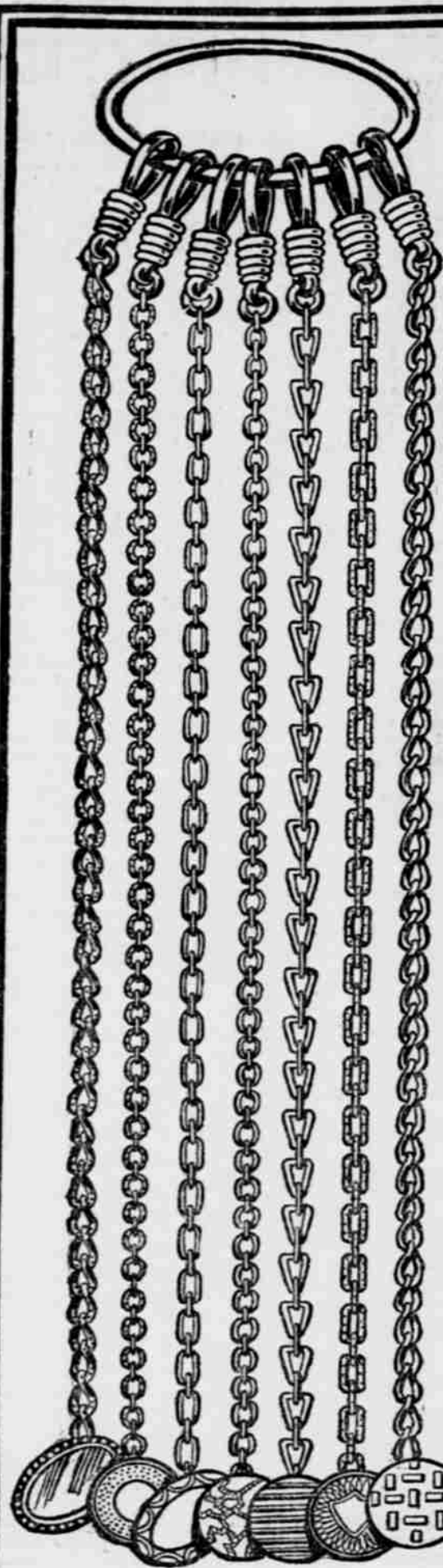
In the case of John E. Webster vs. the C. R. L. & P. Railway, an appeal was filed from the decision of the board of arbitrators in circuit court. On Feb. 13, 1913, Webster was injured while at work in Illinois, his back and foot being hurt, and the board of arbitrators composed of Rev. R. S. Haney and Frank Gustafson of Moline and J. W. Maucker of Rock Island, found the plaintiff entitled to \$664.50. His weekly salary was \$18.77, and from this sum it was figured that he should be given the amount at the rate of \$9.38 a week, beginning March 9, 1913, making the money due him, \$553.42. The railroad company objects to this decision of the board, claiming that the price was exorbitant and appealed the case to circuit court.

Notice.

Bids will be received at the mayor's office until 10 a. m. June 3, 1914, for 1 1/2 inch screenings P. O. B. waterworks switch to supply waterworks until May 1, 1915. Bidders must state mine or mines from which coal will be furnished.

H. M. SCHRIVER, Mayor.

(Adv.)



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GOOD ROADS BALL AN INFORMAL ONE

Anything From White Flannels to Dress Suits Proper at Function, May 29.

"The social 'good roads' enthusiasts of Rock Island, Moline and East Moline have started a good roads fire of enthusiasm through the aroused interest in the ball on Friday evening, May 29, at the Moline Commercial club rooms," says E. W. Woodcock, secretary of the county association.

"This fire now has gained such headway that it promises to sweep over the whole county with its illuminating flames. Nothing on earth can stop the spread of this fire and no one wants to, because it is a constructive one. Only fires of destruction are harmful and should be smothered. "Every purchaser of a 'good roads' ball ticket becomes a willing worker in the effort to keep this common welfare fire burning. The huge army of committee workers who are enthusiastically working for the success of the ball, as well as the large number of lady patronesses who are graciously contributing to its success by their whole interest, say 'we will keep this good roads fire burning until Rock Island county has a perfected system of highway improvements."

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KICK ON THE USE OF SIREN WHISTLE

Davenporters Disposed to Take Action to Curb Noise of Excursion Boats.

Davenport is registering a protest against the noise-making devices used on the excursion steamers as exemplified Saturday night. Referring to the matter the Democrat says:

"Hades has no terrors for the Davenport citizen who has ever been forced to listen to the diabolical shrieking of an excursion steamboat on the Davenport riverfront. If the average man were given his choice between shoveling brimstone for the infernal boilers or having his hearing impaired by a siren or calliope, it's a 100 to 1 shot that he would sign a life contract with Satan & Company."

"Davenporters are easy going individuals for the most part, but right now they are up in arms against the manner in which the excursion steamboats are running things into the ground and taking advantage of leniency on the part of the authorities. "When the rival steamboat lines are both taking out an excursion, bedlam isn't in it with the noise that is made. Both boats try to outdo each other

and the diabolical racket that is unleashed tears huge fragments from the atmosphere and booms the artificial eardrum market. Even the corpses in the cemetery are roused from their slumber and stir uneasily in their graves by which it may readily be inferred that the effect on human beings is anything but soothing. "City officials have received numerous complaints and it is likely that an ordinance will be drafted prohibiting wholesale noise manufacturing on the river front. Other cities do not permit the nuisance and Davenporters believe it is time to call a halt here."

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